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In the Specification:

Please enter the following amendments in the specification.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 20, with the following amended paragraph:

$$H_2C-O-(AO)_x-R''$$
 $HC-O-(AO)_y-R''$
 $H_2C-O-(AO)[[x]]_{x}-R''$

(II)

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

Besides the derivatives based on glycerol, derivatives of other polyols containing at least 2 hydroxyl groups and 2 carbon atoms may be used. In that case, polyols, such as glycols, more particularly polyethylene glycols, triethanol triethylol propane or ethane, trimethanol trimethylol propane or ethane, neopentyl glycol, pentaerythritol, or sugars, such as glucose or sorbitol or oligomers or polymers thereof, but also mono-, di- or triethanolamines or polymers thereof, which are functionalized as described above, are preferably used.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

The compounds of formula (I) are suitable for the permanent or temporary treatment of textiles of all kinds, i.e. both synthetic and natural fibers or blended fabrics of all kinds. The compounds of formula (I) or [[(I)]] (II) are preferably used in particular for washing keratin-containing textile fibers or textiles containing such fibers and for the treatment of

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cotton or textiles containing cotton. However, they are preferably used for the treatment of wool or wool blends. Besides textiles consisting solely of wool, textiles containing wool in combination with other typical and suitable fibers, for example of polyamide or polyester fibers, may of course also be used.